

**Region III:** *Region III Healthcare-Associated Infections Prevention Collaboration*

**Key Project Elements:**

- Identify common gaps in healthcare-associated infection (HAI) prevention, with a focus on multi-drug resistant organisms (MDRO) and *Clostridium difficile* infections
  - Address HAI communication and prevention capacity among Region III jurisdictions
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**About the Project**

Region III received funding to address healthcare-associated infection (HAI) reduction, focusing on reducing multi-drug resistant organisms (MDRO) and *Clostridium difficile* infections (CDI) which are of particular concern in this region with substantial patient movement across state borders. This project will address the varying levels of HAI prevention capacity and HAI data reporting across states through a Steering Committee and a series of collaborative meetings. Specifically, the regional collaboration will:

- Address common gaps in HAI prevention
- Share relevant surveillance information
- Streamline HAI prevention efforts
- Develop infrastructure and working relationships
- Form partnerships across public health and healthcare continuum
- Provide a forum for communicating best HAI prevention practices in both inpatient & outpatient settings

**The team will:**

- 1) Form and convene multidisciplinary HAI Steering Committee of public health and medical partners;
- 2) Convene key stakeholders and other partners to solicit feedback and plan collaborative efforts;
- 3) Convene two in-person regional meetings involving select HAI stakeholders; and
- 4) Create a Regional Action Plan for HAI prevention.

**For more information**

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